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veteres, Veterum qui usus sit novi neminem. Si Schaeferum audis, βάπτειν τινά sive βαπτίζειν idem est quod λοιδορεῖν: ergo διαβαπτίζομαι est διαλοιδοροῦμαι. Noli credere. Neque enim βάπτω (βαπτίζω) est λοιδορῶ, neque διαλοιδορεῖσθαι loci sententiae convenit. Reperi quid esset διαβαπτίζομαι apud Poly-aenum IV. II. 6: Φίλιππος καὶ Μηνηγέτης ὁ παγκρατιαστὴς ἐν παλαίστρᾳ ἐκυλίνοντο. deinde uterque ex eo pulvere δραμὸν ἐς κολυμβήθραν ἐπέριψεν ἑαυτόν. καὶ ὁ Φίλιππος διαβαπτίζόμενος πρὸς τὸν παγκρατιαστὴν καὶ κατὰ τοῦ προσώπου βαινόμενος οὐκ ἀνῆκεν. Quale sit hoc genus certaminis in palaestra ex his satis intelligimus et tantum non oculis cernimus. Eadem opera perspicue intelligitur cur διαβαπτίζομαι τινι dici possit pro διαπληκτίζομαι τινι, et quam sit hoc scite lepideque dictum: οὗτοι γὰρ ἐπίσανται τούτῳ διαβαπτίζεσθαι.

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AELIANI LOCUS CORRECTUS.

Ridiculo scribae errore Aelianus de Nat. Anim. I. 50. scripsisse putatur: ὁ λάβραξ — εἴη ἂν, εἰ καὶ παίσας ἐρῶ, ἰχθύων ὀψοφαγίστατος, id est »cum labendi periculo dicam" ut Interpreti videtur, qui ipse labendi periculum nullo pacto potuit effugere. Aeliano contigit non tantum ut elocutione uteretur admirabili, cuius ipse in Epilogo operis praedicat praestantiam τῶν τε ὀνομάτων καὶ τῶν ῥημάτων τὸ κάλλος, (cuius γεῦμα esto quod scribit XVI. 2: οὐκ ἔχων ἐπισήμην ὀρνιθογνώμονα), sed etiam ut esset homo facetissimus et iocorum omne genus abundantissimus etiam frigidissimorum, veluti XV. 16: τὰ βρέφη διεσθίει τῆς μητρὸς τὴν γαστέρα, ὥσπερ θυροκοποῦντα, ἵνα τι καὶ παίσω, et XII. 21: καὶ, ἵνα εἴπω τι καὶ ὑποπαίσας, Ἀκρίσιος γίνεται εἰς τὴν παῖδα, et alibi non minus salse. Itaque etiam nunc librarius ἔπταισεν, Aelianus ἔπαισεν, et emendandum est: εἰ καὶ παίσας ἐρῶ.

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